

Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains from Sand Creek, Colorado, in the Possession of the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science in Davenport, IA.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Sand Creek, Colorado, in the Possession of the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science in Davenport, IA.

A detailed inventory and assessment of the human remains from Sand Creek has been made by the curatorial staff and representatives of the Southern Cheyenne of Oklahoma.

The human remain is identified as the scalp of White Antelope and was given to the then Davenport Public Museum (now the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science). Associated records indicate that this scalp was taken at the Cheyenne encampment at Sand Creek in 1865.

The scalp is that of an adult Native American man. While precise identification of cultural affiliation is difficult, the historical record on the death and mutilation of Chief White Antelope, and the manner of the arrangement of the hair strongly suggests affiliation to the Southern Cheyenne and the lineal descendants of White Antelope. There is no evidence to indicate otherwise.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science have determined pursuant to 25 U.S.C. (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these remains and the present-day Southern Cheyenne of Oklahoma.

Individuals or representatives of any other Indian tribe that believe they may be affiliated with these human remains are advised that they are being transferred to representatives of the Southern Cheyenne and Antelope family on November 29, 1993 after which they will be interred. This notice has been sent to officials of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma. Representatives of any other Native American Tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Mr. Michael J. Smith director, Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science, 1717 W. Division Street, Davenport, IA 52084, (319) 324-1934 on or before November 29, 1993.

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